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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

White et al.

Art Unit: 3632

Application No. 10/045,572

Examiner: Le Tan

Filed: October 23, 2001

For: RETAINER CLIP FOR MOUNTING
SINK TO COUNTER TOP

**COMMUNICATION OF REASONS CONCERNING
REFILING OF THE APPLICATION**

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Dear Sir:

The above-identified application is being refiled to afford the Examiner the opportunity to consider a European search report, which had previously been provided to the Patent Office, but which had not been considered by the date of the refiling.

The European search report and identified references are being submitted with the refiling to facilitate their review. It will be noted that the search report and cited references were originally submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement by Certificate of Mailing on June 24, 2003, and were received in the Patent Office on June 27, 2003, as evidenced by the date-stamped return-receipt postcard. The Information Disclosure Statement was therefore received in the Patent Office prior to the mailing of the Notice of Allowance issued in this application. The refiling is occurring just several days before payment of the issue is required.

Full consideration of the references identified in the European search report is requested and encouraged. In this regard, it should be noted that the European search was conducted in relation to claims as they were originally pending in this application. The claims of the above-identified application were subsequently amended, and it is those

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amended claims that were deemed patentable by the Examiner and which are subject to the
Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney if he has
any questions concerning the refiled application, or if, in his view, a telephone
communication would expedite his review of the pending claims and the issuance of the
application as a U.S. patent.

Respectfully submitted,



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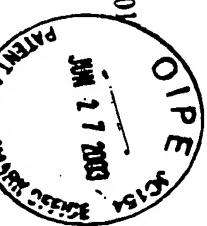
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